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FOR AMBASSADOR ONLY FROM BENSON

E.O. 11652:

TAGS: MASS, MO, OVIP (BENSON, LUCY WILSON)

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT BY UNDER SECRETARY BENSON

1. FOR SOME TIME I HAVE HAD IN MIND THE NEED TO VISIT
A SELECTED NUMBER OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN
THE FIELD. THE CONGRESSIONAL CALENDAR AND OTHER CON-
SIDERATIONS MAY ALLOW ME TO GET AWAY DURING THE PERIOD
JUNE 28 - JULY 6, AND PORTUGAL, SPAIN AND MOROCCO
HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED AS COMPONENTS OF A REPRESENTATIVE
ORIENTATION ITINERARY. I COULD PLAN TO ARRIVE IN
CASABLANCA FROM MADRID ON SUNDAY EVENING JULY 3 AND
DEPART FOR THE U.S. WEDNESDAY MORNING JULY 6.

2. BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH FORMAL PLANS I WOULD WELCOME
YOUR CANDID ADVICE ON WHAT I COULD APPROPRIATELY VISIT
DURING SUCH A STAY AND WITH WHOM I SHOULD MEET. I
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WOULD NOT WANT SUCH A VISIT TO HAVE HIGH-VISIBILITY OR
TO HAVE ANY POLICY IMPLICATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH IT.
RATHER, IT WOULD SIMPLY PROVIDE ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO
SEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

3. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON THE ABOVE PROPOSAL.
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